[English]

Storage capacity of Tung Bhadra Project

1901. SHRI J. CHOKKA RAO: Will the Minister of WATER RESOURCES be pleased to state:

(a) whether the storage capacity of the Inter-State Tung Bhadra Project is reducing due to the presence of silt;

(b) if so, its original and present storage capacity of the reservoir;

(c) whether any desilting operation has been taken up; and

(d) if so, the results achieved in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF WATER RESOURCES (SHRI VIDYACHARAN SHUKLA): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) The original storage capacity of Tungabhadra Reservoir was 3751.17 million cubic metre which was reduced to 3166.74 million cubic metre by 1985. The present capacity of the Reservoir can be assessed after a silt and sedimentation survey is conducted.

(c) and (d). Silting of reservoirs is a natural phenomenon and provisions are made in the capacity of the reservoirs for accommodating the silt. As such, desilting operation has not been taken up at this stage.

Oil based Energy Generation

1902. SHRI VIJAY NAVAL PATIL: Will the Minister of POWER AND NON-CONVENTIONAL ENERGY SOURCES be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government is planning to change energy generation plans from petroleum to oil based; and

(b) if not, details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF POWER AND NON-CONVENTIONAL ENERGY SOURCES (SHRI KALP NATH RAI): (a) No, Sir.

(b) Does not arise.

Implementation of Projects by SAIL

1903. SHRIMATI VASUNDHARA RAJE: Will the Minister of STEEL be pleased to state:

(a) the projects under implementation by the Steel Authority of India Ltd.;

(b) the progress made on the completion of these projects; and

(c) the amount spent so far on each of these projects?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF STEEL (SHRI SONTOSH MOHAN DEV): (a) to (c). Details of the Projects sanctioned by Government and under implementation by SAIL are given in the statement attached.